

## **I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the second full paragraph appearing on Page 22 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:**

FIG. 27 [[and]] illustrates one style of punch 500 that has a conical portion 501 formed on the tip of its elongated body portion 502. FIG. 28 [[and]] illustrates an alternate style of punch 510 where the body portion 511 terminates in a knife end 512 that has a square or rectangular piercing head 513. Either of these tools will preform suitable openings in the connector body portion 22, with the tool 500 forming circular-type openings and the knife punch 510 forming slits in the connector body portion 22. Pre-piercing the connector body portion offers advantages such as reduced debris and improved wire loop straightness [[with]] when a polyamide reinforcement film is used with the connector body portion.

**Please replace the third paragraph appearing on Page 25 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:**

With the use of ~~“stitching”~~ “stitching” to insert the contacts into the body portion, it will be appreciated that the invention is not limited to the use of a single needle. Rather, an array or “gang” of needles may be used in order to perform multiple contact insertions in a single movement of the insertion tool.